

- A. Number of land oustees in WCL : 7654
- B. Number of land oustees entitled for jobs : 5119
- C. Number of land losers provided employment : 4710
- D. Balance land oustees to be provided employment in WCL : 409

(d) All clear cases have been provided employment. 409 cases are pending on account of non-submission of nomination and disputes among land oustees themselves.

(e) and (f) During 1996-97, 12 such representations were received by the Government. All of these were about not providing compensation and jobs in lieu of land acquired. Company has been advised to take necessary action in the matter. Five of these representations received through VIPs, are being followed up for intimation of action taken.

Information Services Project

6530. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned a project from Bloomberg L.P. USA for 100% Indian subsidiary to operate value-added electronics information services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) M/s. Bloomberg, L.P., USA, has been granted foreign collaboration approval on 7th August, 1996, to set up a 100% wholly owned subsidiary to operate electronic information services such as data services, audio text services, video text services, with foreign equity participation 100% amounting to Rs. 160.00 lakhs subject to the condition that the company would not undertake any activity which falls within the category of "Value Added Services" as defined under the Policy of Department of Telecommunications. The proposal also involves an agreement with Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) to use a leased network on mutually acceptable commercial terms.

Basundhara Coal Mines

6531. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the grade of coal available in Basundhara Coal Mines at Gopalpur in Sundargarh district of Orissa;

(b) the target fixed for lifting coal from the said coal mines during 1997-98; and

(c) the major consumers identified or proposal before the Government for the disposal of coal from these mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The grade of coal of Basundhara East project of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in Orissa has been assessed as "F".

(b) The target of coal despatches from this project for the year 1997-98 is 0.48 million tonnes.

(c) Presently, road-linked consumers of lb coalfields like Hirakud Power Company Ltd., Hirakud and Jindal Strips Ltd., Raigarh will get coal supply from this mine. Besides, coal is being offered under Liberalised Sale Scheme to any consumer. Maharashtra State Electricity Board and Tamil Nadu Electricity Board may also receive supplies subject to creation of transportation facilities.

Trade with Gulf Countries

6532. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to widen the scope of export and import with Gulf countries during 1997-98; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is trying to widen the scope of bilateral trade between India and Gulf countries through various trade promotion measures including facilitation of establishment of business level contacts between India and the Gulf trading partners exchange of commercial information/delegations, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, diversification of our export basket to include non-traditional items.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Coal

6533. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to speed up clearing the supply of washed coal for power project of Hinduja House at Visakhapatnam; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have recently resolved certain issues necessary to enable the finalisation of the Power Purchase Agreement to be entered into between the Power Project of M/s. Hinduja with APSEB and the Coal Supply and Transportation Agreement to be entered into between Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd., South Eastern Railways and the Power Company.

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.

6534. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy of the Government was tailored more to encourage import of boilers/power generator rather than placing order on BHEL;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the established capacity of BHEL and its utilisation during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of fresh policy initiatives taken to reverse the trend during 1996-97 and result thereof; and

(d) the details of performance of BHEL during 1996-97 targets set for 1997-98 with major expansion/diversification plans ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, the installed capacity alongwith its utilisation for power generators (TG sets) and boilers and its auxiliaries for the last three years is as under :

Sl. No.	Installed Capacity	Product/Capacity Utilisation		
		MW/MT		
		1995-96	1994-95	1993-94
1.	Boilers & Auxls. Capacity = 165000 MT/Yr.	93802 MT (57%)	77437 MT (47%)	67771 MT (41%)
2.	Power Generators on MW completion capacity = 5845 MW/Yr.	2390 MW (41%)	1382 MW (24%)	2108 MW (36%)

(D) Major performance parameters for 1996-97 are as follows :

Rs./Crs.

	1995-96	1996-97*	Up by
Turnover	4833	5740	19%
Profit Before Tax	582	848	46%

*Subject to Audit.

20% dividend has been paid for 1995-96.

A turnover target of Rs. 6050 Crores has been budgeted for 1997-98.

The major products planned for production in the year 1997-98 under Diversification/Expansion plan include Gas Turbines, Traction Equipment, WH Boilers, Heat Exchangers and Pressure Vessels & certain Defence equipment etc.

Meeting between Tobacco Board & Tobacco Manufacturers

6535. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tobacco Board conducted any meeting for encouraging trading companies engaged in exports and others to buy virginia tobacco lying with farmers in the current season;

(b) if so, the details of such meetings held with traders and manufacturers; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to provide remunerative price to the farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Tobacco Board has held number of meetings with the tobacco traders, manufacturers and exporters wherein issues relating to ongoing tobacco auctions, payment of remunerative prices to farmers and efforts to purchase all tobacco offered on the auction platforms have been discussed. The response of the trade has been positive and they have assured to take all measures to lift the tobacco offered on auction platforms at remunerative prices keeping the international and domestic demand and supply position in view.

(c) Does not arise.

Annual Bio-Gas Seminar

6536. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the